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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 407

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez

February 15, 2013

An act to amend Section 71100 of, and to add Section 71103.6 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 407, as amended, V. Manuel Pérez. Environment: New River Watershed Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program.

Existing law requires the California-Mexico Border Relations Council, contingent upon the execution of an agreement with the City of Calexico to provide the necessary funding, to develop a strategic plan (New River Improvement Project strategic plan) to guide the implementation of the New River Improvement Project containing specified elements.

This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to establish and administer the New River Watershed Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program to coordinate the funding and implementation of the recommendations from the New River Improvement Project strategic plan. The bill would require a state agency awarding or granting funds for the implementation of the plan to integrate and align the contractual and administrative requirements for grants, loans, contracts, and other forms of financial support consistent with specified guidelines. The bill would also require the

agency and CalEPA to provide technical assistance for the establishment of a joint powers authority to oversee the environmental review, permitting, funding, and operation of a water treatment and conveyance facility for the New River in Calexico.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 71100 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 71100. The following definitions govern the construction of
4 this part:

5 (a) “Agency” means the Natural Resources Agency.

6 (b) “Cal BECC” means the California Border Environmental
7 Cooperation Committee established on July 22, 1994, by the
8 Governors of California, Baja California, and Baja California Sur.

9 (c) “CalEPA” means the California Environmental Protection
10 Agency.

11 (d) “California-Baja California border region” means the region
12 described in Chapter IV of the US-Mexico Border XXI Program,
13 Framework Document, published October 1996.

14 (e) “Fund” means the California Border Environmental and
15 Public Health Protection Fund established pursuant to Section
16 71101.

17 (f) “New River Improvements Project strategic plan” or “plan”
18 means the strategic plan developed pursuant to subdivision (c) of
19 Section 71103.5.

20 (g) “New River Watershed Water Quality, Public Health, and
21 River Parkway Development Program” or “program” means the
22 program established pursuant to Section 71103.6.

23 SEC. 2. Section 71103.6 is added to the Public Resources Code,
24 to read:

25 71103.6. (a) The agency and CalEPA shall jointly establish
26 and administer the New River Watershed Water Quality, Public
27 Health, and River Parkway Development Program to coordinate
28 the funding and implementation of the recommendations of the
29 New River Improvement Project strategic plan developed and
30 approved pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 71103.5. The
31 program shall be established and implemented in accordance with

1 the policies specified in subdivision (f) of Section 5808.1 and only
2 to the extent that funding is available to implement the program.

3 (b) A state agency awarding or granting funds for the
4 implementation of the plan shall integrate and align the contractual
5 and administrative requirements for grants, loans, contracts, and
6 other forms of financial support consistent with the *most recent*
7 California River Parkways and Urban Streams Restoration grant
8 programs guidelines issued by the agency and the Department of
9 Water Resources in August 2008.

10 (c) The agency and CalEPA shall, in cooperation with relevant
11 federal agencies, the City of Calexico, the County of Imperial, and
12 other interested parties, provide technical assistance for the
13 establishment of a joint powers authority pursuant to a joint powers
14 agreement entered into in accordance with the Joint Exercise of
15 Powers Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of
16 Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code), to oversee the
17 environmental review, permitting, funding, and operation of a
18 water treatment and conveyance facility for the New River in
19 Calexico, as described in the plan.